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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005 in this case, for which a response is due March 28, 2006. A time extension request is enclosed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. An RCE is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.